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Docket No.: 62807-043

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hideaki TSUSHIMA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/082,135

Filed: February 26, 2002

For: OPTICAL SWITCHING EQUIPMENT, OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND
METHODS OF USING THEM

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 5388

: Group Art Unit: 2874

: Examiner: S. U. Song

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
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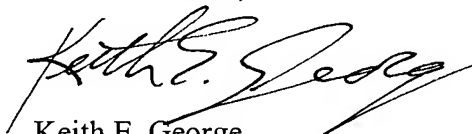
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of October 30, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-9, 12, 15 and 16) for prosecution in the above-identified application, without traverse. It is noted that method claim 9 has been included in Group I together with the equipment/network claims. Prompt favorable examination of the elected claims is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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